

# Blessed Frédéric Ozanam

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## WEEKDAY MASS

St. Brother Andre  
Catholic High School

6160 16th Ave. E., Markham

**Wednesday** 8:45 a.m.

**Friday\*** 8:45 a.m.

## WEEKEND MASS

St. Julia Billiard  
Catholic Elementary School

2070 Bur Oak Ave, Markham

**Saturday** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday** 10:00 a.m.  
12:00 p.m.



“The question which is agitating the world today is a social one.

It is a struggle between those who have nothing and those who have too much.

It is a violent clash of opulence and poverty which is shaking the ground under our feet.

Our duty is to throw ourselves between these two camps in order to accomplish by love what justice alone cannot do”

Frédéric Ozanam

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## The Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2018



"After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the

house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way" (Matthew 2:9-12).

How many times in your life have you said to God, "Please give me a sign"? Whether you're making a difficult decision or trying to find God in the chaos of everyday life, it's not unusual to ask God for some kind of indication that He's there. From today's Gospel, we see that people have been looking for signs for a long time. In their search for the newborn King, the magi followed the star that brought them first to the palace of King Herod and then to the house where "they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Matthew 2:11).

Throughout the Christmas season, the Scriptures speak of how God has revealed himself to us. Today's Gospel reading shows that God revealed himself not only to the Jewish people, but also to the Gentiles, which are represented by the magi. God is the God of the whole world, not just the God of a particular set of people.

What are the signs today that God is for everyone, loves everyone, and wants everyone to live the reign of God on earth? We are the signs. We are called to be the stars that lead people to God. We bear the Good News to the world. We are all called to be evangelizers and do so by the witness of our lives.

How can you be a better sign to others?

### CONFIRMANDI & PARENT MEETINGS

There will be a mandatory meeting for all parents and Confirmandi immediately following the 5pm Mass on:

**Saturday, January, 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

OR

**Saturday, January, 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

AT

**St. Julia Billiard Catholic Elementary School.**

We will be introducing the catechists, discussing and giving an overview of the catechism program, Saint project and retreat dates. **At least one parent and the confirmation candidate must attend.** You are welcome to attend either date available.

# PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Wed. January 10<sup>th</sup> – at St. Brother Andre HS Chapel**

8:45AM † Pius Goveas

† Bob Swenor

**Sat. January 13<sup>th</sup> – at St. Julia Billiard Catholic School**

5:00PM † Cursino Alvares

† Jose Vergel De Dios

**Sun. January 14<sup>th</sup> – at St. Julia Billiard Catholic School**

10:00AM † Vernon & Lucienne Jayasekera

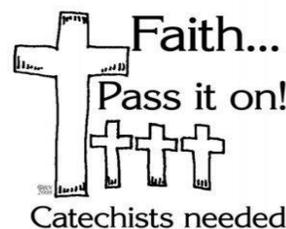
† David Chu

12:00PM Pro Populo



If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased loved one, or for a special intention, please visit our office in the foyer of the school, before or after Mass, or call the Parish office at 289-554-0556 to make arrangements.

### CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS NEEDED ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?



Are you interested in changing the lives of Catholic teens? Would you like to get to know the teens in our parish? Do you want to share your faith life with them? If so, we would love to have your help with this year's Confirmation catechism program. Classes will be held during class time at the respective schools (10:30am-12:00pm) once a week for 7 weeks. We provide you with the training and tools you will need. If God is calling you to assist in this Ministry, please email Fr. Joseph at [office@blessedozanam.ca](mailto:office@blessedozanam.ca) or call the office at 289-554-0556. The team will be meeting in January in preparation for the program which will begin at the end of February.

### THE FACES OF CHRIST

**20 January 2018, 9:30am – 3:00pm**

(includes Mass in the seminary chapel)

St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto,

2661 Kingston Road, Scarborough.

Presenter: Rev. Msgr. A. Robert Nusca

Cost: \$50 (lunch included).

Please register online: [www.staugustines.on.ca](http://www.staugustines.on.ca).